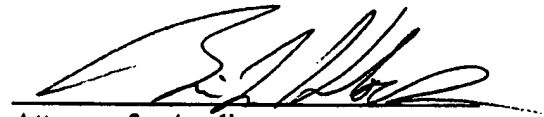and the newly added claims can be found in the specification and that no new matter has been added.

New Claims 17-22 are also believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration is requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A stereoscopic image display method for permitting an observer to stereoscopically observe image information displayed on an image display element, comprising the steps of:

dividing each of parallax images, corresponding to a plurality of different view points, into predetermined [strip] stripe images;

synthesizing a synthetic parallax image from the stripe images;

guiding display light, from stripe images corresponding to one view point in the synthetic parallax image on the image display element displaying the synthetic parallax image, to a mask member having a mask pattern with predetermined openings and shields by a second optical system placed in front of the image display element; and

converging display light passing through the openings of the mask member to a position corresponding to the view point on an observation surface a predetermined distance apart, by a first optical system,

wherein the second optical system has predetermined periodic structure in each of horizontal and vertical directions in order from the light incident side, and an elementary optical element forming one period in the horizontal and vertical directions of the second optical system has optical action in the horizontal direction and optical action in the vertical direction different from each other.

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